

Projects for wasteland development

1163. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of wasteland brought under cultivation in the country, State-wise and year-wise figures;

(b) the number of proposals pending before Government for wasteland development; and

(c) the names of Government and Non-Government agencies who were given these projects State-wise/year-wise therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Wastelands are degraded lands which are currently under utilised and are deteriorating for lack of appropriate water and soil management or on account of natural causes. Therefore, agricultural operations are generally not feasible on such lands at the first stage of development. The Department of Land Resources is implementing three programmes, namely Integrated Wastelands development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) for development/treatment of wastelands/degraded lands under the Guidelines for Watershed Development. These programmes have components to develop/reclaim wastelands and degraded lands by checking land degradation and putting such lands to productive use.

(b) and (c) Under the three Programmes, watershed development projects are sanctioned in favour of Zilla Panchayats (ZPs)/District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) in the States/UTs. The details of such projects sanctioned under the three Programmes to various States during the last three years and the current financial year are given in Statement I (See below). The number of proposals pending under IWDP for wasteland development are given in Statement II (See below). The projects for the current financial year under DPAP and DDP have already been sanctioned.

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Statement I

Number of Projects sanctioned under IWDP, DPAP and DDP during the last three years and current year (upto 27.11.01)

Sl. No.	Name of State	IWDP					DPAP					DDP				
		98-99	99-00	2000-01	2001-02	98-99	99-00	2000-01	2001-02	98-99	99-00	2000-01	2001-02			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6	4	7	—	700	587	314	166	100	96	60	80			
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
3.	Assam	—	3	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
4.	Bihar	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	46	—	—	—	—			
5.	Chattisgarh	—	—	4	—	—	—	197	101	—	—	—	—			
6.	Gujarat	6	6	6	—	55	230	329	110	100	250	400	203			
7.	Haryana	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	100	76	144	100			
8.	Himachal Pradesh	2	5	8	3	—	17	77	36	—	48	75	80			
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	—	—	—	22	—	132	44	—	96	73	80			
10.	Jharkhand	—	1	2	—	—	19	200	173	—	—	—	—			
11.	Karnataka	5	5	—	—	—	248	266	245	100	51	226	160			
12.	Kerala	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
13.	Madhya Pradesh	2	11	9	1	—	265	657	238	—	—	—	—			
14.	Maharashtra	3	5	7	—	—	219	578	296	—	—	—	—			
15.	Manipur	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
16.	Meghalaya	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
17.	Mizoram	—	—	7	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
18.	Nagaland	2	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
19.	Orissa	6	1	6	—	—	—	111	221	—	—	—	—			
20.	Punjab	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
21.	Rajasthan	1	8	9	2	—	18	271	96	—	883	681	509			
22.	Sikkim	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
23.	Tamil Nadu	1	8	9	—	103	299	—	61	—	—	—	—			
24.	Uttar Pradesh	7	9	3	—	—	286	93	92	—	—	—	—			
25.	Uttaranchal	—	—	4	—	—	90	58	90	—	—	—	—			
26.	West Bengal	—	—	—	—	—	—	60	28	—	—	—	—			
GRAND TOTAL		48	73	106	12	880	2278	3371	2043	400	1500	1659	1212			

All the IWDP Project except a few cover areas ranging from 5000 hectares to 12500 hectares.

Each DPAP/DDP Project covers area of 500 hectares approximately.

Statement

Number of IWDP project proposals received during the year (2001-02) and pending for sanction are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of pending Proposals
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Assam	6
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil
4.	Bihar	Proposals awaited
5.	Chhattisgarh	3
6.	Gujarat	Proposals awaited
7.	Goa	Nil
8.	Haryana	3
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	2
11.	Jharkhand	Proposals awaited
12.	Kerala	Proposals awaited
13.	Karnataka	8
14.	Madhya Pradesh	5
15.	Manipur	3
16.	Meghalaya	Proposals awaited
17.	Mizoram	Prioritized projects already sanctioned
18.	Maharashtra	3
19.	Nagaland	5
20.	Orissa	3
21.	Punjab	4
22.	Rajasthan	1
23.	Sikkim	Proposals awaited
24.	Tamil Nadu	Proposals awaited
25.	Tripura	Proposals awaited
26.	Uttar Pradesh	2
27.	Uttaranchal	6
28.	West Bengal	Nil